

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated November 6, 2006, which rejected all claims pending at that time. Specifically, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 13, 15-18, 20, 21, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,668,304 issue to Satran et al. (Satran) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6834826 issued to Wang et al. (Wang). Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Satran in view of Wang and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0098544 filed by Gaither et al. (Gaither). Claims 11, 12, 14, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Satran in view of Wang and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,627 issued to Mattis et al. (Mattis). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

The Office Action responded to Applicants' arguments set forth in their October 11, 2006 Response to Office Action. Specifically, the Office Action states that in response to Applicants argument that the references failed to show certain features of Applicants' invention, the features upon which Applicants rely (i.e., write transactions including first and second tags) are not recited in the rejected claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 15, 17, 25 and 26 to recite features that are not taught or fairly suggested in sections of the art cited in the last Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1, 15, 17, 25, and 26 are patentably distinguishable over these cited sections. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 15, 17, 25, and 26. Insofar as these claims have been shown to be patentably distinguishable, it follows that the remaining claims are likewise patentably distinguishable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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